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1. Agency

Component/location SANTA MONICA

Purpose or principal activity (military planning, foreign aid, briefing, research, etc.) RESEARCH

Your position (job title) REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

Your fields of responsibility (geographic area and/or specialty) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the NIS Production Status Report available for your use? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you regularly use it? ☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Receipt of NIS units is:

☐ Regular and  
systematic

☒ Irregular, with  
some gaps

☐ Sporadic and  
uncertain

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## 4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

A=Regularly      B=Occasionally      C=Rarely      D=Never

b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

1=Planning and operations

2=Research, analysis, and production

3=Briefings

4=General background and orientation

5=Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Col. I	Col. II		Col. I	Col. II	
<u>A</u>	<u>24</u>	General Survey (check sections used most frequently) <input type="checkbox"/> Chronology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transp. and Telecom. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sociological <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces <input type="checkbox"/> Area Brief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summary Map	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Telecommunications
			<u>B</u>	<u>42</u>	Population
			<u>B</u>	<u>42</u>	Characteristics of the People
			<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Religion, Education, and Public Information
			<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Manpower
			<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Health and Sanitation
<u>A</u>	<u>42</u>	Basic Intelligence Factbook	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Intelligence and Security
<u>C</u>	<u>2</u>	Coasts and Landing Beaches	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Subversion and Insurgency
<u>B</u>	<u>24</u>	Weather and Climate	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry
<u>B</u>	<u>24</u>	Meteorological Organization and Facilities	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Fuels
<u>A</u>	<u>24</u>	Topography	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Electric Power
<u>B</u>	<u>24</u>	Urban Areas	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Minerals and Metals
<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Railroads	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Manufacturing and Construction
<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Highways	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Trade and Finance
<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Inland Waterways	<u>B</u>	<u>24</u>	Armed Forces
<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Ports and Naval Facilities	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Marine Climate
<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Merchant Marine	<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Oceanography
<u>C</u>	<u>24</u>	Civil Air			

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5. In general, do you consider yourself:

- ☒ a. Regular user of NIS publications  
☐ b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness:  
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- ☐ Principal source of information  
☐ Secondary source  
☐ Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available  
☐ Supplies corroborative information  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for only infrequent use:

(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- ☐ Not readily available  
☒ Not sufficiently current  
☐ Too summarized and generalized  
☐ Too detailed  
☐ Only marginally related to my needs  
☐ Needs filled by other publications (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
☐ NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☒ 2 Other (specify) frequently users desire unclassified + proprietary sources

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency planning?

☒ Yes ☐ No Why? only place data conveniently assembled

If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

- ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Marginal

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9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major shortcomings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.)

*The greatest shortcoming is failure to keep the information current. Adequacy, reliability, length and detail of presentation are fine as far as the dates covered are concerned. For our purposes, somewhat more historical approach would also be useful since we often use it to analyze past crises. Security classification is often senseless especially considering the age of the data although I must say it is more reasonable than usual CIA security restrictions.*

(answer may be continued on the reverse)

10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units?

*A detailed index to each chapter or each section if necessary would make the NIS truly encyclopedic in format and be most useful. If you are unable to update the main NIS conveniently, perhaps an expanded Basic Intelligence Factbook would serve the purpose. In both works, frequent cross-references to other intelligence publications - especially those updated more regularly - would be valuable.*

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Signature (optional)

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More frequent updating of sections on population and transportation data. Include a political map showing internal administrative boundaries in the General Survey for each country. Revise general surveys annually.